

Wicker	Wolf	Wynn
Wilson (NM)	Woolsey	Young (AK)
Wilson (SC)	Wu	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—22

Ackerman	Hastings (FL)	Roukema
Barrett	Holt	Schaffer
Blagojevich	Hulshof	Souder
Bonior	Lantos	Spratt
Boucher	Meeks (NY)	Traficant
Cummings	Olver	Walsh
Delahunt	Pelosi	
Dreier	Riley	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4635, ARMING PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM ACT

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-557) on the resolution (H. Res. 472) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4635) to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a program for Federal flight deck officers, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2486, INLAND FLOOD FORECASTING AND WARNING SYSTEM ACT OF 2002

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-558) on the resolution (H. Res. 473) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2486) to authorize the National Weather Service to conduct research and development, training, and outreach activities relating to tropical cyclone inland forecasting improvement, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2733, ENTERPRISE INTEGRATION ACT OF 2002

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-559) on the resolution (H. Res. 474) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2733) to authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to work with major manufacturing industries on an initiative of standards development and implementation for electronic enterprise integration, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4687, NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TEAM ACT

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-560) on the resolution (H. Res. 475) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4687) to provide for the establishment of investigative teams to assess building performance and emergency response and evacuation procedures in the wake of any building failure that has resulted in substantial loss of life or that pose significant potential of substantial loss of life, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was traveling on official House business and missed rollcall votes 283 and 284. Had I been present, I would have voted aye on rollcall 283 and aye on rollcall 284.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION NOT TO RUN FOR REELECTION

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Members of my beloved House, it is no secret that I love this institution and I love my job in Congress. Working with all of you over the years has been one of the great joys of my life.

I told this to my constituents in Miami on Sunday, because they mean a lot to me. And I love all of you, too, both the Republicans and the Democrats, even the independents, so I wanted you to hear it from me directly that I have decided not to run for reelection this fall. So you will have me until December. I have enjoyed this stay. It has been a good run, Mr. Speaker. It has been a good run.

I was elected to Congress in 1992. CORRINE BROWN, ALCEE HASTINGS and I were the first African Americans elected from the State of Florida since right after Reconstruction. I said then that we waited 100 years to get to this body, so we were very anxious to get to work, and so we did. I came here after 13 years as a State representative and a State senator in the Florida legislature.

I have been impressed with the House from the very first. Every time I look at the Capitol dome and look at Lady Liberty I am more and more in awe. It will never get old to me. I am a good American. I love America.

I was elected to Congress during a crisis time in my community. Hurricane Andrew, the costliest hurricane of all time, had just devastated the entire south end of my district. We worked very hard together, both Republicans and Democrats.

I came here with two Republicans, we were together in the Florida legisla-

ture, ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN and LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART, and CORRINE BROWN, "Queen CORRINE," from the Florida legislature. We came here together and we have stood hand in hand ever since. And ALCEE HASTINGS came with us. He reached the highest pinnacle of the judiciary in our State as a Federal judge. So we came here in honor, and we love this Congress and we love this country.

So while our constituents were cleaning up all of the devastation by the hurricane, I came to the Congress, and the Congress responded and helped us build back that community. It has been a lot of work, Mr. Speaker, and a lot of it, the people you see here, helped make it happen through the years. They helped us restore our community, helped us restore the dignity and the quality of life of many of the people we represented.

A lot of problems arise in my district many times. I bring them here to your lap and to your feet and to your hands, and many of you, particularly my comrades and colleagues on the Committee on Appropriations, they always do whatever they can to help. Always. That is why I love this body so very much. I was just gifted and blessed to be placed on the Committee on Appropriations so I could bring the direct wishes and concerns of my constituency to this body, and I appreciate it.

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I was confirmed just last fall on the evening of September 11 when I joined so many of you on the steps of the Capitol the evening after the terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon and we sang God Bless America together, Democrats and Republicans, Northerners and Southerners and Westerners, one Nation under God, indivisible, united and strong.

Do I sound maudlin? Do I sound soft? Do I sound sad? I never asked for forgiveness for standing up for this country. I never asked for forgiveness for standing up for military preparedness. I was around during World War II. I will always want this country to be strong and to be prepared.

Throughout my career I have always tried to think of the little people and to use the power of government to help improve their lives. I know what it is like not to have much and not to have many prospects. I rose from the lowest part of the neighborhood I grew up in Tallahassee. They called it The Bottom. It was "the black bottom." I was thinking of this the other day because just a few weeks ago the adventurer CURT took me to Moscow and Beijing on a CODEL. I met with the Presidents of Russia and China. I have discussed national issues with Presidents Carter, Clinton, and Bush. I have been there, Mr. Speaker. I have talked to all of them, walked with kings as the poet would say, but not lost the common touch.

This one black woman from The Bottom, it was one day in the State capitol in Florida that I was not even able